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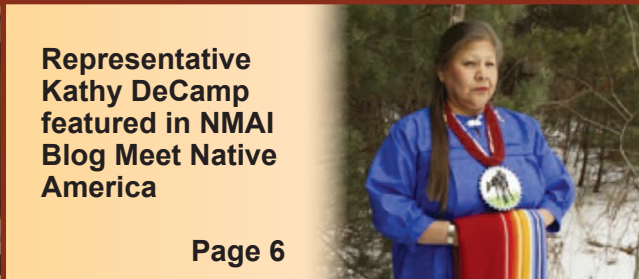
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Opening of new restaurant a result of the Prices' dedication and passion

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Staff Writer

Darren and Myra Jo Price have an appetite for what they do – serving others through offering people their food.

That's why they decided to open a new restaurant, the BP Smokehouse in Tomah.

"If it is your passion – it will work. If you love what you're doing, it will come," Darren said.

Darren retired from the Wisconsin State Patrol on January 1 this year and officially opened the restaurant on June 29.

But the business isn't about making money. It's an extension of their passions, Darren said.

Their children, Collin, Emily, and Pandalton all play a part in their success, either working at the restaurant, or helping with other avenues, such as advertising and promotion. Another child Fawnah, lives in Oklahoma City.

"Your dream has to be more noble than you," he said.

The road to this new endeavor is a long one. It all began when Darren and Myra Jo met while they were serving in the U.S. Army.

They served in Alaska and Maryland before coming to Tomah to live in 1986, when Darren was hired as a Wisconsin State Trooper.

Darren is no stranger to the food industry. He learned the ropes of operating a restaurant from his father, who owned and operated his own restaurant.

"I worked for 30 cents an hour washing dishes and had to work on Sundays," Darren said. "For eight years I washed dishes and pots and pans. To this day, I like to wash dishes because it's an important part of the job. Having everything sanitary is important for customers. That's why I designed my restaurant to be clean and efficient."

But his inspiration for their own business began many years ago, when he was cooking to the extended family. He developed a special barbecue sauce for the occasion and his mother-in-law really liked it.

After that first inspiration from his mother-in-law, Darren decided to take his craft a little further and begin a catering business. In combination with that direction, Darren did some searching on the Internet and decided to contact Mike Lake from Shannon, Ill., who is an expert in the barbecue field. By traveling to Illinois and through Lake, he met Ray Lampe, a.k.a. Dr. Barbecue; Eddy Maurin, a.k.a. Fast Eddy; Mark Born, a.k.a. Grandpa Cheese; and Johnny Trigg, who is in the Barbecue Hall of Fame.

Trigg gave him some



Myra Jo and Darren Price have many years invested in this new adventure, one that is driven by their passion of serving others.

meat to take home with him, which he and his family ate.

"The kids' eyes lit up," Darren said. He then knew this was something he wanted to pursue.

"It was about that time, in 2000, that I read on the front page of the HOC AK WORAK that the Ho-Chunk Nation was offering \$10,000 business loans," he said. He was approved for the loan and soon bought equipment and a trailer for catering events.

"At first, I wanted to name it after Myra Jo by naming

it 'MJ Barbecue,' but she didn't like that," he said. "So, we came up with 'BP Smokehouse,' with the 'B' for Blackdeer, her maiden name, and 'P' for Price."

In order to get their license, the business had to have a permanent address, so they were able to lease some space from Dave and Karen Greenwood for a base of operations, where they maintained a kitchen and freezer.

Once the business got licensed, they began competing by cooking on the barbecue circuit. They traveled throughout the United States and competed, but also learning a lot from the experts in the art of barbecue.

In 2003, Darren and Myra Jo won the Wisconsin State Barbecue Championship, with competitors from throughout the country.

"With our prize money, we were able to pay off our loan for the equipment," Darren said.

At the American Royal in Kansas City, they were competing in a contest, with

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80 teams present, when a film crew from The Food Network stopped by their setup. Darren invited the crew members to eat and, consequently, the crew decided to film a feature on Darren and Myra Jo's barbecue, which appeared on national television. And, in the end, they place eight overall in the competition and fifth for their chicken barbecue.

At another competition in 2003, at the Jack Daniels World Championship in Lynchburg, Tenn., which is considered the "World Barbecue Championship" because it has competitors from around the world, the Prices were honored with several awards. They took third in the brisket division, ninth in pork and ribs received Honorable Mention. Overall, they received the status of 11th in the world competition.

"My family was a big part of the success. I developed all my rubs at home and everyone would sample them to give their opinions," he said.

"It has been a family business from the start," Darren said. "They helped developed all the food."

For instance, on Mondays they tried various rubs, sauces and spices on chicken. On Tuesdays it was ribs, Wednesdays it was pork and Thursdays it was brisket.

"That's how it all started. I took what my family liked," he said.

In the competitions, his goal was to be in the top 10 in every contest. An added benefit is that he spent some quality time with the top cooks in the country.

Meanwhile, his catering business was doing well, all performed while still working fulltime as a State Trooper.

"Often we would get some big jobs. In 2005, we catered for the Ho-Chunk Nation at the annual Employee Appreciation Day. That was 2,000 meals in five and a half hours," he said.

To keep up with the volume, he knew that he need a trailer to produce mass quantities of food in a short time.

"That's when I got the Fast Eddy 750," he said. "Then I put a kitchen into the smoker."

As their business grew, they wanted to take it a step further by opening a restaurant in a permanent building. They began searching for property to place their building and, while out looking at sites, the real estate agent, who was with them, received a phone call about a place that just became available.

"It was just what we were looking for," he said. A small building was on the property, a former jewelry store and, after the purchase, the conversion and addition began in October 2014.

"We extended the building out the back and added an outside seating area that



BP Smokehouse now has a different logo than it had when it was started many years ago. They started with a logo with a pig, but were told by a marketing consultant that the new logo looks more professional



Employees of the BP Smokehouse are ready to serve the patrons to make their visits enjoyable. They are (from left) Dylan Schmidt, Shane Yellow Thunder and Serena Brown.



Pendalton Price mans the order counter at the BP Smokehouse in Tomah. At the restaurant, it's a family business, involving everyone right from the start.

can be enclosed to be a three-season patio," he said. When finished with the conversion and addition, the building now can seat 50 people inside and 40 people outside.

What he considers "the back of the house" is a fenced-in area where all the food smoking is done with both apple wood and oak and hickory, wood purchased from

local suppliers.

"Beginning a restaurant is really a challenge," Darren said. "You open yourself up to criticism. But for the most part, everyone has been real supportive."

Their catering business continues as well, with a job almost every weekend.

"One good feeling is that this is a Ho-Chunk-minority-

owned business since 2000," he said. "Also, more than half of the employees are Ho-Chunk. And we were able to get this whole thing started from a loan from the Ho-Chunk Nation."

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A new service is available to Jackson County residents – a sharps disposal drop box where used needles and others sharps can be safely disposed of. The large, red, metal box is located at the Jackson County Recycling Center, 115 Harrison Street in Black River Falls. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for drop offs.

It can be difficult to find a safe way to dispose of used needles and other sharps. Individuals with diabetes and other health conditions that require use of needles at home are faced with high costs of disposing of their needles. The sharps

disposal drop box offers them an alternative.

There has also been growing concern in the community regarding inappropriate disposal of used needles related to illicit drug use. Family members of drug-addicted individuals need a way to safely dispose of needles to protect the health and well-being of others in the household.

The drop box was recently purchased through grant funds from the Northwoods Coalition and Together for Jackson County Kids as a public health measure.

Citizens who find used needles

out in the community should not touch them as they may carry diseases or dangerous substances. If you find a used needle, please contact the Sheriff’s Department to pick up and safely dispose of it.

Questions related to the sharps disposal drop box can be directed to Lisa Listle, Project Director, Together for Jackson County Kids at 715-284-6012 or Monica Lobenstein, 4-H Youth Development Agent, UW-Extension at 715-284-4257.



Flag raising and lowering policy implemented



The flag raising and lowering policy was implemented out of respect for our warriors, our lands and our people. We must never forget the many young men and women who have fought the wars for our freedom, for our lands, for our survival as a people and as a sovereign Nation.

Employees and tribal members are asked to attend each Monday at 8:30 am for flag raising at the TOB to honor and show our respect.

After the flags are raised, everyone is welcome to a free continental breakfast in the TOB atrium.

Corrections

In the article, “Decorah promoted to CEO for Michigan casino,” on page 7 of the July 31 issue of the Hocak Worak, the name of Brian Decorah was incorrect and his father’s name was incorrect. Brian’s name should not have had the junior designation and Brian’s father is Bruce Decorah. The Hocak Worak apologizes for the error.

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Diabetes Basics Class Schedule for Tomah Group F

All classes will be held at

September 23rd – 12:30pm-2:30pm – Introduction, what is diabetes, diabetes treatment, physical activity

September 30th – 12:30pm- 2:30pm – Food plan and carb. counting

October 28th - 12:30pm-2:30 pm – Hypo and hyperglycemia, sick day management, diabetes success plan, food plan and eating out, physical activity

November 25th - 12:30-2:30pm - Managing and preventing complications with physical activity, chair exercise

December 23rd - 12:30pm-2:30pm– Diabetes changes over time, staying healthy for a lifetime, healthy feet, healthy heart, risk factors and heart health, blood fats and heart health, secrets of success

January 27th – 12:30pm-2:30 pm –Ups and downs of diabetes management, is your treatment plan working, managing stress, when life gets in the way, more on healthy eating, weight loss, keeping active, staying in charge of your diabetes.

February 24th – 12:30pm-2:30 pm – Diabetes conversation maps

Due to the length of the classes, make-ups will not be feasible. Please try to mark the classes in your schedule ahead of time. New classes start every other month so if you miss a scheduled class, you could attend another one. Ask staff for schedule.

An assessment must be completed before class so please contact us early for this appointment. Lab work may also need to be completed – it must have been done within 3 months of the start date of the class.

Please contact Rachel Montana if you are interested in this program. 715-284-9851, ext 5039

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Conference brings tribes, advocates together to preserve wolf and wildlife

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

For the people who are passionate about nature, it was the perfect opportunity to discuss their concerns about the future of wolves.

A Wolf and Wildlife Conservation and Coexistence Initiative was held July 15 to 16 at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center in Baraboo. It was

co-sponsored by the Friends of Wisconsin Wolf and the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland gave the blessing and welcome to the conference.

"It was a way to bridge the gap between the different groups – especially the tribes," said Jon Thundercloud, Ho-Chunk member and



The conference consisted of a number of sessions that addressed issues with conservation and wildlife, along with ways the activists can get their messages out through the news media.



Ho-Chunk District II Legislators Andrea Estebo, Henning Garvin and David Greendeer received Pendleton blankets in appreciation for their efforts with the conference and Heritage Preservation Director Robert Mann was given a plaque for the Ho-Chunk Nation's generous support of the Wolf and Wildlife Conservation and Coexistence.

tribal liaison for the FOTWW. "It's important to bring in the tribes and have their voices heard," he said. "They are often overlooked in many ways."

One of the important issues discussed is the ongoing debate on hunting wolves in Wisconsin.

According to Melissa Smith, executive director of the Friends of the Wisconsin Wolf and sociologist with the

University of Wisconsin – Madison, the issue has been ongoing since 2011.

"In January 2011, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department delisted the wolf as an endangered species," she said. "After that, by legislative action at midnight, they passed a provision that would allow wolf hunting. There was no advance notice and no input by the public."

For the first year, dogs were not allowed to participate in any wolf hunts, but a change in the law allowed dogs to be used for the next two years. A lawsuit ensued about the delisting, stating the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department did not use the best practices and available science to determine the numbers of wolves.

Consequently, the timber wolf is again listed as endangered, but that status is being challenged.

"There are 17 bills in Congress, trying to delist gray wolves as endangered," Smith said. That's why it is important for the wolf protection groups to stand united.

"It's the symptoms of a broken system of wildlife policy," Smith said. "They are not using best available science."

"According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, they consulted with all the tribes. But they

didn't really," she said. "It's not about the spiritual or the cultural aspects. It's about being ignored. The system is broken."

The Wolf and Wildlife Conservation and Coexistence Initiative was created to address a growing challenge and opportunity in wildlife policy, the need for wildlife stewardship reflective of public interest, best available science and public trust principles, according to the program guide for the conference.

"They planned a conference that would be informative and inclusive with the hope it would generate positive discussions and fresh ideas on how to protect, sustain and manage wildlife," Thundercloud said.

Ho-Chunk District II Legislators Andrea Estebo, Henning Garvin and David Greendeer received Pendleton blankets in appreciation for their efforts and cooperation with the conference and efforts to protect the wolf. Also, Ho-Chunk Nation Heritage Preservation Director Robert Mann was given a plaque for the Ho-Chunk Nation's generous support of the Wolf and Wildlife Conservation and Coexistence. A similar plaque was given to the Potawatomi tribe for its support.



Family drum group Thundercloud Singers kick off the Wolf and Wildlife Conservation & Coexistence Initiative with a Bear Clan song at the Ho Chunk Convention Center in Baraboo, Wis. "This song is very appropriate for this time," said Ho Chunk member Jon Thundercloud. "Bear Clan are decision makers when it comes to the earth, to this land."

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Youth Mentoring Program recognizes youth at banquet

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells employed over 30 youth workers this summer. The youth worked a 40 hour work week and attended classroom trainings during their employment. To wrap up the summer jobs, trainers and management treated the youth workers to a special lunch at the Copper Oak Steakhouse inside Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells.

“We had 39 workers at one point during the summer. Our goal is to teach them about professionalism, time management, and customer service. The banquet is part of their learning process,” said Training and Development Director Molli Pauliot.

This year’s Youth Mentorship Program participants are Mindy Carmona, Emily Collins, Jasmyne Collins, Katelyn Collins, Sarah Crowley, Brianna Day, David Day, Gabriel Day, Jordan Decorah, Sabrina Decorah, Isabella DuBray, Jason Fanning, Ardis Funmaker, Maria Funmaker, Rebecca Funmaker, Samuel Funmaker, Taylor Jackson, Markeis Lovejoy, Cole Maier, Atreyu Ortiz, Jashaun Rave, Ellyn Roy, Lorraine Reyes, Janelle Rhinehart, Christopher Schonasky, Robert Toutilott, Destina Warner, Julia White, and Pierson White.

The youth participated in

training like Communication/ Time Management, Resume & Interview Skills, Lifestyle Choices, Guest Services, and Professionalism & Etiquette. They also participated in events like Financial Frenzy, College Campus tours, and the banquet.

Pauliot said she likes when youth come back and work for the casino.

“They are at our hiring level at age 18 to 21. They have some technical college courses or degrees,” said Pauliot.

In its first year, the Youth Mentorship Program had a total of 8 workers. The program has grown and is generating a good job candidate pool.

“Kayree Funmaker, Fabian Houghton, and Moses Alvarez were among our first participants. Each of them are now permanent full-time employees,” said Pauliot.

“This year we had four or five of the youth workers turn 18 who continued working without having to dip into their trust fund.”

Many of the youth workers made a lasting impression on conference goers with their work ethic. Executive Government Relations Officer Ryan Greender wrote a letter of appreciation that was read during the banquet.

“I would like to thank you for your time and efforts as you participate in the youth worker program at Ho-Chunk



Participants in the Youth Mentoring Program share a meal with their mentors at the Cooper Oak Steakhouse to conclude their work experience. The youth received specially designed shirts and hoodies for their hard work and dedication.

Gaming Wisconsin Dells. I would like to personally express gratitude for your phenomenal service during our Partners in Action conference.


Throughout the conference, co-hosted between the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Ho-Chunk Nation, many attendees commented on the professionalism and vigor of the staff. Your diligence impressed not only your own tribal leadership but those from around the Midwest.

One of the basic principles of contribution to society is education and employment. You’ve already proven yourself as a valuable member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and society as a whole. We appreciate the skills and the work ethic that you’re developing.

I urge you to continue to take pride in your work and your community. I am confident that you will be successful throughout your academic and professional career,” said Greender.

Pauliot said the banquet was planned so youth and management could connect before some youth begin their fall sports and the school year begins. There are also plans to reach out to the school systems to coordinate further acknowledgement of the time and effort the youth put into the mentorship program.

“Next year, we plan to implement more culturally relevant material,” said Pauliot.



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Meet Native America: Kathy DeCamp, Ho-Chunk Nation Legislator

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Please introduce yourself with your name and title.

My name is Kathy DeCamp. I am a Ho-Chunk Nation legislator and serve District 3, Seat 1.

Can you share with us your Native name and its English translation?

My Ho-Chunk name is Cat'i Naazii ga, which means Outstanding Woman, or I Am Easily Visible to See; it's pronounced Chantinzahzee.

Where is your tribe located?

My tribe, the Ho-Chunk Nation, is located all throughout the state of Wisconsin—we are non-reservation. Our Tribal Headquarters are located in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. We are delineated by districts—four in the state and a district of at-large members who live outside Wisconsin. We were formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago

Tribe.

Where was the Ho-Chunk Nation originally from?

At one time in our history, the Ho-Chunk Nation originated from the Red Banks, near what is now known as Green Bay, Wisconsin. Ho-Chunks love to joke and tease, so we like to point out that the Green Bay Packers are located on what is traditionally Ho-Chunk country, but we are taught to be good to our visitors. Our lands occupied most of the state of Wisconsin and some parts of northern Illinois.

What is a significant point in history from your tribe that you would like to share?

The Ho-Chunk Nation was forcefully removed from our lands on seven different occasions, and each time we walked back to our traditional lands. It can be said that we survived because of our stubbornness. Ho-Chunks are very connected to our land for spiritual and traditional reasons. The forced removals taught us to adapt to change easily, and also that we will hold on to what is important.

How is your tribal government set up?

The Ho-Chunk Nation is composed of four branches: General Council, Legislature, Executive Branch, and Judiciary.

Is there a functional, traditional entity of leadership in addition to your modern government system?

We are very fortunate to have our traditional chief, Mr. Clayton Winneshiek, and Traditional Clan Court, which is made up of our clan leaders. Our traditional clan leaders may advise in matters of

decision. Traditional Court is respected and revered, and although the clan leaders are very capable, at this time we do not use their leadership as such.

How often are elected leaders chosen?

As set forth in the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution, the Legislature is comprised of thirteen elected representatives. Tribal elections occur every four years; however terms begin and are completed at different times. For example I was inaugurated on July 1, 2015, and my term is over in four years; the term of the other District 3 legislator's—our newly nominated vice president, Mr. Darren Brinegar, began on July 3, 2013, and is over two years from now.

How often does your legislature meet?

The district representatives meet once a month. We also serve on boards and committees, which meet once a month. At times the vice president will call a Special Meeting, and we have a General Council once a year. You could say we meet often as necessary, and we are in constant contact with our tribal members. It is an honor to be in service to our nation.

How did your life experience prepare you to lead your nation?

My life experiences have enabled me to be fair, honest, open-minded, and willing to be out of my comfort zone to complete a task. I have been in office a little over a month now. I enjoy serving the nation and do so in a humble manner.

I grew up in a non-tribal community where issues were often fueled by racism, discrimination, and prejudice. I decided to pay attention to what I learned from being treated unfairly and use this as a steppingstone to success. In the 1970s it was difficult to work where I would have liked, to earn an education and have a future. I decided I wanted more out of life, so I joined the military. I was able to get an education, travel, and see the world. In the military we were all green—no other color mattered—and we were promoted based on our ability, knowledge, and leadership.

I returned home and began working for my tribe at an entry-level job. I have 37 years of work experience. I have been a soldier, member of the bingo hall staff, black-jack dealer, owner of small arts-and-crafts business, hotel manager, and now by the grace of God an elected official.

I went through alcoholism and experienced death and loss. Through the loss of my sister Nancy, I was broken. I decided I wanted to change and am now 15 years clean and sober. I went back to school and completed an associate's degree in Foundations in Business, and look forward



District Representative Kathy DeCamp, Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature.



Representative DeCamp taking the oath of office. Ho-Chunk Gaming, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin; July 2015.



Kathy DeCamp and Darwin DeCamp.

to my next degree.

Please understand that I am not prideful about any stage in my life. I am a humble servant and grateful that many wonderful opportunities are in my grasp.

What responsibilities do you have as a tribal leader?

My responsibilities are to the people I serve. I am here to listen to their concerns and work toward an amicable solution. Legislators are lawmakers. The Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution states that the Legislature shall have the power to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes. The list of duties on my job description is long.

Who inspired you as a mentor?

My mentors and first educators are my beloved parents: Mr. Martin and Mrs. Caroline Stacy. They instilled the love of God within me, and the power of prayer. I would be remiss not to include Grandmother Florence Boyce White Wing, who taught me the value of hard work. My husband Darwin is my coach and companion. He is a humble and righteous gentleman whom I love and respect very much. If you know my husband, he prefers to be in the background. However, I feel compelled to express my gratitude and adoration at this time.

Are you a descendant of a historical leader? If so, who?

We all have historical leaders in our family. I highly recommend reading a book about the life of Stella Blowsnake Stacy, my late paternal grandmother, titled Mountain Wolf Woman, Sister of Crashing Thunder: The Autobiography of a Winnebago Indian. This content will tell you of my historical roots.

Approximately how many members are in the Ho-Chunk Nation?

Our tribal membership is approximately 7,427 members.

What are the criteria to become a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation?

The requirements for membership are described in Article II of the Constitution of

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Renovations to transform the look and feel of the Ho-Chunk Nation campground

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation’s only campground, near Lyndon Station, is receiving a facelift - one that will bring in more customers and keep them happy.

The Ho-Chunk RV Resort and Campground, formerly known as Crockett’s Resort, has many changes planned for this year.

“We’re updating and cleaning up,” said Michelle DeCora, retail operations manager. “We’re moving ahead full tilt.”

Among the many changes is the recreational area. The mini-golf course is being reconstructed, adding new turf

and other odds and ends to make the game more enjoyable, she said.

The swimming pool has been cleaned and renovated, with new filtering equipment installed. DeCora and another staff member have been certified as pool operators, so the swimming pool should stay clean and hygienic for campers, DeCora said.

The deck has been reconstructed in front of the store and lodge, and the doors and windows are in the process of being replaced.

The lake is a major activity attraction for campers and over the last few years, the lake bottom has been filling in with mud and silt. To remedy



Sandra Decorah, front desk attendant for Ho-Chunk RV Resort and Campground, stands in front of the new deck for the store, one of the many renovations being performed at the business.



The swimming pool is sure to stay clean and sanitary, with new filter equipment and two certified pool operators.



The lake at the resort provides water recreational opportunities for campers.

the situation, the lake is being dredged one section at a time. In particular, the area around the beach is receiving special attention, DeCora said. At present, the water is only about a maximum of waist deep around the beach, but dredging efforts will make it deeper and more appealing for swimming activities.

It soon will be stocked with bass and pan fish, all from a fish hatchery on the Lac du Flambeau Reservation.

“That ought to take care of the frogs,” she said.

In winter, plans are to recover the lodge floors and the walls, plus put on new tile in the bathrooms.

The Ho-Chunk RV Resort and Campground has 12 cabins and 200 campsites, a mixture of modern and primitive campsites. Some are pull-through campsites for RVs, and some are full hookups, meaning water and electricity, and some are half hookups, meaning just electricity. Tent sites are a mixture of primitive and some with electricity.

New roofing is planned to be constructed on the cabins and pavilions. The pavilions, or shelters, serve as meeting places for weekend activities. They’re going to power-wash the cabins.

“It’s just a matter of getting updated,” DeCora said.

The campgrounds are used for a variety of group activities. For instance, they have already hosted a cultural dance exhibition and ice cream socials.

“It’s sort of like a new beginning,” she said.

Jon and Nancy Zucker ran the campground for nine years after the Ho-Chunk Nation purchased it. But after that, it deteriorated and came into disrepair.

“Now we’re playing catch up,” DeCora said.



Divers take a suction hose to the bottom of the lake to remove silt from the bottom of the lake and to increase the depth of the water.



A portable pump connects to the hose for dredging, which then pumps the sludge a considerable distance from the lake.



HO-CHUNK RV RESORT & CAMPGROUND

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Just 15 minutes north of the Dells

Ho-Chunk RV Resort & Campground is looking for Native American Arts & Crafts vendors to set up on Saturday August 29, 2015 from 2pm to 5 pm.

If interested please call Birdie at (608) 666-2040.

Set up is free for all vendors for the afternoon. Ho-Chunk RV & Campground will be providing a free meal for all vendors

Lyndon Station, Wisconsin - Phone: (608)666-2040 – Fax (608)666-2304

Bird happy to share his love of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

On August 6, Robert Bird, said he got to cross one thing off his bucket list by conducting a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu class for the young and old during the Elder and Youth Conference that was held at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Powwow Grounds outside of Black River Falls, Wisconsin on August 4-8.

Bird has been involved in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu full time for nearly 7 years.

“I always dreamed of being able to share Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu with our native people, especially our youth,” said Bird.

Bird presented a 2 hour class on warm up drills, Judo rolls, punch defense and blocks, take downs, and arm bars.

“We had kids and adults from New York, Montana, New Mexico, Florida, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. Our youngest student was 3 years old, and the oldest was 44. This was challenging, at first, for some of the students, because it was all new to them. They all adapted quickly to the exercises, including the judo rolls and Ronda Rousey exercises,” said Bird.

“I gave a high level overview of self-defense from a punch. Which led to blocks, then take down to side control, ending with an arm bar. Reviews of the class were great. Everyone enjoyed the



Robert Bird shares his love for Brazilian jiu-Jitsu with young and old during a session at the Elder Youth Conference held at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Powwow Grounds August 4-8.

opportunity to learn something new,” continued Bird. Richard Myers (Yurok) from Humboldt, California was the oldest student in the class, while Amilia Downey (Tesuque Pueblo) from Santa Fe, New Mexico was the youngest student.

Bird said he couldn’t have done the class without the help of Randy Blackdeer, Je-

rod Stacy, Victor and Katelyn Bird. “Their assistance made this experience a success.”



Participants learn judo rolls and take downs during Bird’s Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu class.



Richard Myers (Yurok) practices jiu-jitsu drills as Robert Bird looks on.

Tri-Sport Tournament

SATURDAY AUG 29TH 2015

Ho-Chunk enrolled Members & HCN Employees.
Age 14 yrs & older. Entry Fee: \$200 per Team.
8 Team Limit – 10 participants per Team.
Overall Champs will be determined by event placing's & points earned.

1st - \$500 2nd - \$400 3rd - \$300

Registration
Deadline-
Aug. 21st
Minimum of
6 teams
needed -
Cash
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Ho-Chunk Nation sponsors South Wood County YMCA Golf Classic

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislature/Chief Communications Officer

The Ho-Chunk Nation sponsored The South Wood County 9th Annual YMCA's Drive Our Cause Golf Classic on Monday, August 3, 2015. This is the Y's largest fundraiser and the proceeds from the event support the financial assistance program which benefit 1200 local individual and families annually. Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa employees joined members of the Legislature to represent the Ho-Chunk Nation on a golf team. The team included Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa Executive Manager – Casey Fitzpatrick, Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa Purchasing Agent – Edward Twinn, Ho-Chunk Nation District 5 Representative Robert Two Bears and Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Darren Brinegar.

Raquel Nowak, YMCA Community Development Director said, “A big ‘Thank You’ to all of the golfers and sponsors, including the Ho-Chunk Nation who was a Platinum Presenting Sponsor. With the Ho-Chunk Nation’s support and participation at the event, the Ho-Chunk Nation is helping to strengthen our community through programs and services that support youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. This year’s golf event brought in just over \$21,000.00.”



L-R: Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa/Edward Twinn, Ho-Chunk Nation District 5 Representative Robert TwoBears, Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa/Casey Fitzpatrick, Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Darren Brinegar

Kathy DeCamp

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the Ho-Chunk Nation. First, members may not be enrolled in any other Indian nation. Then:

1(a) All persons of Ho-Chunk blood whose names appear or are entitled to appear on the official census roll prepared pursuant to the Act of January 18, 1881 (21 Stat. 315), or the Wisconsin Winnebago Annuity Payroll for the year one thousand nine hundred and one (1901), or the Act of January 20, 1910 (36 Stat. 873), or the Act of July 1, 1912 (37 Stat. 187); or

(b) All descendants of persons listed in Section 1(a), provided, that such persons are at least one-fourth (1/4) Ho-Chunk blood.

(c) DNA must prove parentage. “DNA” means deoxyribonucleic acid. [Amendment II adopted on May 6, 2009 which became effective June 20, 2009 by operation of law.]

(d) Beginning the date this amendment is approved the Ho-Chunk Nation shall no longer consider or accept for enrollment any person who has previously been enrolled as a member of another Tribe (including the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska). [New section adopted by Amendment I on January 26, 2000 and approved by the Secretary on March 3, 2000.]

Is your language still spoken on your homelands? If so, what percentage of your people would you estimate are fluent speakers?

Yes, our language continues to be spoken on our homelands. We strive to sustain our language. At this time we have about 10 percent of the tribe who are fluent. I speak and understand on a limited basis. My goal this year is to speak in complete sentences, rather than slang.

What economic enterprises does your nation own?

The Ho-Chunk Nation owns Ho-Chunk Gaming on six locations:

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls, in Black River Falls, Wisconsin;

Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison, in Madison, Wisconsin;

Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa, in Nekoosa, Wisconsin;

Ho-Chunk Gaming Tomah, in Tomah, Wisconsin;

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells, in the Wisconsin Dells, Baraboo, Wisconsin; and

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, in

Wittenberg, Wisconsin.

The nation also owns and operates six convenience stores, an RV Park, the Ho-Chunk RV Resort, and other various retail shops.

What annual events does your tribe sponsor?

We have a most wonderful event honoring our veterans every Memorial Day weekend. Ho-Chunks hold all veterans in the highest esteem. I promise you won’t be disappointed with our annual Memorial Day pow-wow.

There is also Neesh-la Pow-wow, which we hope will have larger capacity numbers for 2016. We host various sporting camps and college visits, our annual Night of Remembrance (Walk for Cancer Awareness), and the Annual Family Wellness Conference, to name a few events. We also participate in the community through sponsorship of various sporting events, local sports teams, etc. Each year is exciting and different depending upon what we are inclined to support.

What attractions are available for visitors on your land?

We are non-reservation and are scattered over the state. Our Ho-Chunk hospitality is available to anyone who is able to experience it.

How does your tribe deal with the United States as a sovereign nation?

Being a new legislator, at this point one month into my term, my answer is this: Effective, tactful education and communication of what a sovereign nation is must be taught to those who do not understand the term. All sovereign nations must exercise independent status appropriately and effectively and on a daily basis.

What message would you like to share with the youth of your nation?

I share with our youth the message to take on the duty and honor to be our future leaders, and to always remember the sacrifice our ancestors made for us so we may continue to be Ho-Chunk, People of the Big Voice. I encourage our young people to remember where we came from, and who we are. I humbly ask our youth to learn our language, remember your lineage, work hard, and be full of compassion and sincere love for each other. Most importantly, build on your diversity; there is power in differences. If you ever run for office, remember this,

from Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee Election Procedures, April 20, 1963:

Heart and sincere concern for its Tribe is a requirement, if you want good tribal government you must determine who in your area will best understand your needs, be sympathetic with you, be able to interpret and speak on your behalf to the Committee and to your community for you, be able to place your welfare ahead of personal aspirations, who has the ability to make the right decisions for the Tribe, and who has faith in the ability

of the Winnebago to determine for himself what is best for him.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Thank you for honoring me in this way. It is my hope you have learned something new, and that I was forthright about my tribe. If I have mis-spoken, it is not intentional. Lastly, I am grateful for this wonderful opportunity.

Thank you.
Pinagigi—thank you.

All photographs are courtesy of the DeCamp family.

18TH ANNUAL BERT FUNMAKER MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

DATE-	August 29 th , 2015
WHERE-	Holiday Lodge Golf Course 10555 Freedom Road, Tomah WI 54660 (608-372-9314)
COST-	\$60 Entry Fee Includes: 18 Holes of Golf, carts, skins, and meal
REGISTRATION-	8:00 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.

****SHOTGUN START AT 10:00 A.M.****

4 Person Scramble- Luck of the Draw



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BRITANNY CRUZ

**SATURDAY NIGHT
SHOWDOWN**

FRANKEL vs LAQUE

CO-MAIN EVENT: MICHAEL "ZHOU" THUNDER VS TOMAS TREVINO
ALSO FOUR UNDERCARD BOUTS FEATURING:
IRA FRANK, BRITANNY CRUZ, DJ DENNY AND JEROME LABARGE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2015
DOORS OPEN AT 5PM | FIGHTS START AT 7PM

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Ho-Chunk Nation donates to Pac Haci Youth Council’s Suicide Prevention Conference

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislature/Chief Communications Officer

The Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Darren Brinegar and Ho-Chunk Nation District 3 Representative Kathy DeCamp made a check presentation to the Pac Haci Youth Council on Monday, August 10, 2015 in Wittenberg, Wisconsin. The Ho-Chunk Nation donated \$15,000.00 that will be used for the Suicide Prevention Conference. The conference will be held at North Central Technical College in Wausau, Wisconsin on September 18-20, 2015.



L-R: Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President-Darren Brinegar, Pac Haci Youth Council President-Aliyah Cloud, Ho-Chunk Nation District 3 Representative-Kathy DeCamp, Pac Haci Youth Council Secretary-Lauren WhiteEagle.

Ho-Chunk Nation makes donation to Wittenberg Youth for school supplies

Submitted by Lynette Le-Garde, HCN Legislature/Chief Communications Officer

The Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Darren Brinegar and District 3 Representative Kathy DeCamp made a \$1500 check presentation to the Wittenberg Youth for school supplies. The Ho-Chunk Nation passed a motion in the July 29, 2015 Finance Meeting to donate \$1500.00 to each District Meeting Location for School Supplies for the youth. Kathy LaMere accepted the donation for the Wittenberg Area.



L-R: Ho-Chunk Nation District 3 Representative-Kathy DeCamp, Wittenberg Center Director-Kathy LaMere, Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President-Darren Brinegar.

HO-CHUNK NATION PRESIDENTIAL LISTENING SESSIONS



August 2015	September 2015
* Milwaukee Branch Office Monday August 17 5-7 PM	* La Crosse Branch Office Tuesday September 1 5-7 PM
* Black River Falls TOB Tuesday August 18 5-7 PM	* Tomah Youth Center Wednesday September 2 5-7 PM
* Wisconsin Dells HOW Wednesday August 19 5-7 PM	* Chicago Branch Office Thursday September 3 5-7 PM
* St. Paul Branch Office Tuesday August 25 5-7 PM	* Madison Branch Office Tuesday September 8 5-7 PM
* Wittenberg TAU Thursday August 27 5-7 PM	* Green Bay Branch Office Wednesday September 9 5-7 PM
	* Nekoosa Casino Banquet Room Thursday September 10 5-7 PM

HCN TRIAL COURT 2015 LAY ADVOCACY TRAINING

Aug. 28, Aug. 31, Sept. 1, Sept. 2
Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court
RSVP: 715-284-2722 BY AUG. 21



The training will only be held if at least five individuals register, so if you wish to participate be sure to contact the Court as soon as possible!

The Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court will hold training sessions for the certification of lay advocates this summer. A lay advocate serves a role similar to an attorney; once training is complete, a lay advocate may represent individuals in any matter before Ho-Chunk Nation Trial and Supreme Courts, including, but not limited to, divorces, juvenile matters, employment disputes, and election appeals. Individuals must attend all four days of training to achieve certification. Each day’s training will take place for a full day with a break for lunch.

POW WOW COMEDY



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HOSTED BY HO-CHUNK'S OWN
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FREE COMEDY EVENT

SEPTEMBER 6TH | STARTS AT 10PM

Take some time out of your Labor Day Weekend and enjoy our FREE Pow Wow Comedy Event featuring Adrienne Chalepah and Pax Harvey with special guest Irene Keenan Jr. hosting.

HO-CHUNK GAMING
BLACK RIVER FALLS

ho-chunkgaming.com

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls welcomes anyone 21 years or older to play in the casino. Those 18 years or older are welcome to play Bingo. Additional rules and restrictions may apply. See the Rewards Club for complete rules and details. Ho-Chunk Gaming reserves the right to cancel or alter promotions at any time.

NOTICE AND RULES OF
SPECIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2015

Supreme Court
Associate Justice 2

Matthew Mann

Samantha C.
Skenandore

Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of Ho-Chunk Nation. The Ho-Chunk Nation is calling a Special Election, which will be held due to the resignation of Supreme Court Associate Justice 2, Todd R. Matha, who won the seat in the Special Election Supreme Court Chief Justice held on Saturday, April 25, 2015. The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation will conduct a Special Election. ARTICLE IX – ELECTIONS and the Election Code 2 HCC Sec. 6, states in relevant part:

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:
Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. See Election Board Code Sec. 11 (b) Residency Requirement for Voters

REGISTRATION
Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place by showing identification before receiving an Official Ballot. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses. A Ho-Chunk translator will be available to assist any tribal member who requests assistance.

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:
Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Challenges must be received at the Election Office prior to 4:30 P.M. on Thursday, August 6 2015. Such claims or challenges may be hand-delivered, faxed or mailed to:

The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the eligible voters list immediately after the close of the challenge period. The Election Board decision shall be final.

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
206 South Roosevelt Road
P.O. Box 756
Black River Falls, WI. 54615
TELEPHONE (715)284-8900
TOLL FREE (800)890-0583
FAX NUMBER(715)284-8600
E-MAIL:
Election.board@ho-chunk.com

ABSENTEE VOTING:
A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Friday, August 21, 2015 by 4:00 P.M. See Election Board Code, sec. 13 a. i. Absentee Voting Permitted
Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS Next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number. **Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 P.M. on Friday, August 28, 2015.**

Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX AND UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.**

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:
The Election Board shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:
Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election results within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within Twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court. See HCN Constitution Article VIII, Election, Sec. 7, Challenges of Election Results. Election Code Sec. 18 (a) Challenges to the Election Results.

ELECTIONEERING:
There shall be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

**SPECIAL RUN
OFF ELECTION
FRIDAY,
August 28, 2015**

**POST NOTICE
OF ELECTION
Friday, July 24,
2015**

**POST ELIGIBLE
VOTERS LIST
Tuesday, July 28,
2015**

**CHALLENGES
TO THE
ELIGIBLE
VOTERS LIST
MUST BE
RECEIVED
PRIOR TO
Thursday, August 6,
2015
4:30 PM**

**LAST DAY TO
REQUEST
ABSENTEE
BALLOTS
Friday, August 21,
2015 4:00 PM**

**SPECIAL
ELECTION
FRIDAY,
August 28, 2015
8:00 AM TO
7:00 PM**

**POLLING
PLACES:**

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
HHCDA
W8113 Indian Mission Rd.
715/299-6104

TOMAH, WI
BLUE WING
320 Epinal Avenue
608/377-3787

LA CROSSE, WI
LA CROSSE BRANCH
OFFICE
724 Main Street
608/783-6025

MADISON, WI
MADISON BRANCH
OFFICE
1320 Mendota Street
608/787-9964

BARABOO, WI
HOUSE OF WELLNESS
S2845 WhiteEagle Rd.
608/355-1254

WISCONSIN DELLS, WI
INDIAN HEIGHTS
N957 Dyer Avenue
715/299-6104

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI
CHAK-HAH-CHEE COMM.
BLD.
916 Chak-hah-chee Lane
715/284-8900

WITTENBERG, WI
TRIBAL AGING UNIT
W17956 Witt-Birn Townline
Road
715/253-3536

GREEN BAY, WI
BRANCH OFFICE
1047 9TH Street
920/490-2774

MILWAUKEE, WI
MILWAUKEE BRANCH
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3501 S. Howell Ave.
414/747-8680

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4738 North Milwaukee Ave.
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OFFICE
1724 Selby Ave.
651/641-1801

**NOTICE AND RULES OF
MAIL BALLOTING ELECTION
TRUST & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
Friday, August 28, 2015**



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Trust and Investment Committee Establishment and Organization Act of 2011 1 HCC § 16 and the Election Code 2 HCC § 6, Sec.8 e.

Due to certification of a candidate and the need to meet the HCN Election Code section 14 Mail Ballot Voting a. Mail Ballot Voting (2)(b) The Election Board shall send by United States Mail a ballot to each eligible voter or Ho-Chunk Member who will be an eligible voter by the date of the election. The Election Board shall mail ballots forty-five (45) calendar days before the date of the election; and, if said date falls on a weekend, then on the first working day thereafter. Certification timelines have been met and the following individuals are candidates for two vacant seats on the Trust and Investment Committee.

Candidate for Trust and Investment
THE FOLLOWING TERM IS
TWO (2) YEARS:

Becky Manuel-Albert
Forrest Funnaker

14. Mail Ballot Voting.

a. Mail Ballot Voting.
i. Determination as to whether to conduct an Election by mail balloting.
(a) At the discretion of the Election Board, elections shall be conducted by mail ballot.
(b) Subject to the limitation provided in Section 14, subparagraph a. (1), the Election Board shall include within its Election Day Guide and Standard Operating Procedures criteria for limiting its discretion as to when an election shall use solely the procedures for poll place voting, which are contained in Section 13, or use solely the procedures for mail balloting, which are contained in Section 14. The Internal Operating Rules shall require that an election be conducted solely using mail balloting or poll place voting.
(2) Procedures for Mail Balloting.
(a) The Election Board shall designate a Post Office Box rented by the Board as the place where Ballots shall be returned. Ballots must be received at the Post Office Box designated by the Election Board not later than the day of the Election.
(b) The Election Board shall send by United States Mail a ballot to each eligible voter or Ho-Chunk Member who will be an eligible voter by the date of the election. The Election Board shall mail ballots forty-five (45) calendar days before the date of the election; and, if said date falls on a weekend, then on the first working day thereafter.
(c) A Voter may obtain a replacement ballot from the Election Board if his or her ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost or not received by the Voter.
(d) The Election Board shall not mail a replacement ballot later than ten (10) working days before the day of an

Election. If pursuant to Section 14, subparagraph a. (3) a voter requests a replacement ballot, the Election Board shall only give a replacement ballot if the request for the replacement ballot is made fifteen (15) working days before the day of the Election.
b. Ballots. The Ballot package mailed out by the Election Board shall consist of a ballot which otherwise meets the requirements of Section 12, an outer envelope, instruction sheet, ballot secrecy envelope and return envelope.
c. Voting Procedure. The Voter shall mark the ballot and place it in the ballot secrecy envelope and seal it. The Voter shall then place the ballot secrecy envelope inside the return envelope and seal it. The return envelope shall be signed by the Voter as his or her name appears on the return envelope and he or she shall return it by United States Mail to the location designated by the Election Board.
d. Returns. The Board shall verify that the returned envelope bears the signature of the voter. If the envelope is not signed, the ballot shall be rejected. The entire rejected ballot shall be deposited unopened in a separate, secure box for invalid ballots. If the envelope is signed, the ballot shall be deposited in the locked ballot box. For ballots placed in the locked ballot box, the Election Board shall make a notation in the poll book, next to the Voter's name, that indicates that the Voter has returned his or her ballot.

e. Multiple Ballots. If a Voter to whom a replacement ballot has been issued pursuant to Subsection a. (2) (c) of this Section votes more than once, only the ballot with the earliest postmark shall be counted. If there are two (2) or more ballots with the same postmark date for one (1) Voter, neither ballot shall be counted.
f. Security of Ballots. Returned Ballots shall remain in the designated Post Office Box until retrieved by the Election Administrator. The Election Administrator shall retrieve returned ballots on a daily basis and the day after the Election. Upon picking up returned ballots, the Election Administrator shall place the returned ballot in the Ballot Security Box located at the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board Office. Following the counting of ballots, the Election Board shall maintain returned ballots in a secure location. g. Rejected Ballots.
(1) The Election Board shall count only the choice(s) which can be determined.
(2) The Election Board shall keep and retain all partially or completely rejected ballots for a period of at least three (3) years.
h. Election Results.
(1) Unofficial results will not be released.
(2) The Election Board shall determine the official results of the election and shall use the Official Ballot Accounting Form (Election Board Form 5 at Appendix A). The official tallying of the votes shall be open for public observation. The public must remain quiet and in no way interfere with the orderly tallying of the ballots.
(3) The Election Board shall post the official results on the Official Certificate of Election Results Form (Election Board Form 6 at Appendix A). The Official Certificate of Election Results Forms shall be signed by each Member of the Election Board. The Election Board shall post the Certificate at the Polling Places within three (3) calendar days after the date of election.
(4) After the Election Board has certified the official election results, the Election Board shall retain the election records. These records shall include the counted ballots, the unused ballots, and the

spoiled or rejected ballots, if any. The Election Board shall retain the election records for at least three (3) years.

THE FOLLOWING TERMS ARE
TWO (2) YEARS WITH TWO (2)
OPENINGS:

e. Qualifications of Trust and Investment Committee Members.

i. All Candidates for a position on the Trust and Investment Committee shall meet the qualifications listed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trust and Investment Committee Establishment and Organization Act of 2011, 1 HCC § 16, which states: "5. Committee Member Qualifications:
a. To be eligible for appointment or election, Committee members shall have one or more of the following qualifications:
(1) Certified Public Accountant or Charter Financial Analyst;
(2) An associates or, preferably, a bachelor's degree in accounting, business, finance;
(3) Financial professional certification, including any of the following: Certified Financial Planner; Certified Fund Specialist; Chartered Financial Consultant; Chartered Investment Counselor; Certified Investment Management Analyst; Chartered Market Technician; Personal Financial Specialist; (4) At least five-years proven experience managing investments as a fiduciary on another's behalf."

b. If interested in appointment or election to the Committee, an individual shall submit a letter of interest and a resume as appropriate.
For appointments to the CTF Task Force for the initial appointments made by the Legislature, and to the Committee for all subsequent appointments. For elections to the Election Board consistent with Election Code (2 HCC § 6).
c. All potential Committee members shall undergo a credit check and a criminal background check prior to the appointment or election. A potential Committee member shall not be eligible for service on the Committee if the criminal background check reveals either of the following:
(1) A felony;
(2) Any crime of dishonesty, including, but not limited to, fraud, misrepresentation, theft or deception in any form.
d. A potential Committee member must be able to obtain a financial bond. e. Each Committee member shall honorably protect and uphold the purpose of the Committee with integrity, diligence and foresight.
f. All the qualification requirements listed above must be maintained throughout a Committee member's term and shall be reviewed at least annually by the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:
Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. See Election Code Sec. 11 (a)(6).

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:
Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board.
The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Section 11, c. ii. (Deadline Sunday, July 12, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.).

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
206 South Roosevelt Road
P.O. Box 756
Black River Falls, WI. 54615
TELEPHONE (715)284-8900
TOLL FREE (800)890-0583
FAX NUMBER(715)284-8600
E-MAIL:
Election.board@ho-chunk.com

Deadline to challenge the candidate(s) list to Election Board is Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX AND UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.**

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:
The Election Board shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:
Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election results within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court.

ELECTIONEERING:
There shall be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

**TRUST AND
INVESTMENT
COMMITTEE ELECTION
DAY
Friday, August 28, 2015**

**POST NOTICE OF
ELECTION
Wednesday, May 20, 2015**

**POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS
LIST
Thursday, July 2, 2015**

**CHALLENGES TO THE
ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
MUST BE RECEIVED
PRIOR TO 4:00 PM
Sunday, July 12, 2015**

**MAIL BALLOTS WILL
BE MAILED
Tuesday, July 14, 2015**

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST
REPLACEMENT BALLOT
Friday, August 7, 2015**

**LAST DAY TO MAIL
REPLACEMENT BALLOT
Friday, August 14, 2015**

**ALL BALLOTS DUE TO
THE ELECTION BOARD
OFFICE
Friday, August 28, 2015
at
4:00 p.m.**

Posted 07/02/2015

**Education Board of Directors Vacancy
District V**

Directors shall have the requisite skills, knowledge, and education to provide professional and expert advice and recommendations to the Executive Director. The term of office is two years

If interested, please forward a copy of your resume/vitae to Quincy Garvin at Education Department. She can be reached at Quincy.Garvin@ho-chunk.com or by calling 715-284-4915 extension 1037



**HO-CHUNK NATION
DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Veterans Affairs Advisory Board

Date: September 11, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: **TOB-Veterans Affairs Division
Conference Room**

The Division of Veterans Affairs encourages all veterans and interested individuals to attend.

Should you have any questions comments or concerns please contact the Division of Veterans Affairs at (715)284-4563.

This meeting notice is posted in accordance with the Ho-Chunk Nation Open Meetings Act.

POSTED : June 22, 2015

P.O. BOX 667, W9814 AIRPORT ROAD, BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615
PH. (866) 505-4793 FAX (715) 284-5934

**JOB POSTING
NEKOOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Vision Statement: Empowering all students to succeed in a global community.

Niikuusra Community School and Nekoosa School District

Job Title:
Ho-Chunk Language & Culture Teacher (.5 FTE)

How to Apply:
Send resume to Jon Spehn at: jon_spehn@nekoosa.k12.wi.us


Deadline for Applications:
Open until filled

Requirements:
This position requires a dynamic and progressive teacher. The successful candidate for this position will be able to instruct all students, regardless of their academic need, in the rigors of Ho-Chunk language, culture, and history. Applicants will also be expected to work with colleagues in a collaborative team based environment. In addition to working with school colleagues, successful candidates will be expected to work closely with the Language Division of the Ho-Chunk Nation to receive ongoing support.

This position requires candidates to teach the language, culture and history of the Ho-Chunk Nation to students in grades 5-12. Successful candidates will be able to teach a portion of the day at Niikuusra Community School and a portion of the day at Nekoosa High School. Favored candidates will also be able to design instructional goals and assess student learning so that progress is performed to all stakeholders on an ongoing basis. They will also have the ability to integrate technology into daily teaching practices and have a growth oriented mindset.

Qualifications:
Must have or be able to earn certification/licensure for Indian language, culture & history from the WI DPI.

Niikuusra Community School is a 5-8 charter school. Our purpose is to provide students with language, culture and history of the Ho-Chunk Nation through an integrated project-based learning format. We are looking for a teacher with a strengths based, growth mindset, focused on student learning (both academic and social/emotional). Teachers collaborate very closely with their PLCs, and a qualified candidate should be an individual willing to work in a collaborative team environment.



Raychall Decorah

In loving memory of
Raychall Decorah and baby Jensen
October 31, 1974-August 8, 2014
love always
Ryli and Kai, Mom, Jason,
Jasmine, Austin, SaDee and Jaylyn.

Notice of HHODA

Monthly Meeting

August 27th, 2015

Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency (HUD Housing)

HHODA Commissioners Lee Brown Jr., Karena Thundercloud, Colin Carrimon, Francis Decorah, Martin Littlewolf Jr., Leonard Walker, Gerald Cleveland, Cheri Byhre, Mike Goze and John Dall. Will meet on Thursday, Aug. 27th, 2015, at 5:00 PM, at the HHODA Office in Tomah (Corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue). Agenda items by noon on Thursday, Aug. 20th, 2015 to the Board Secretary at 608-374-1245, extension 222.

Chess Tournament

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2015

Time: 6:00pm—8:30pm

District One Community Center

District One Community Center is sponsoring a Chess Tournament on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 starting at 6PM.

Must be 18 and Older.

First Place:	\$75.00
Second Place:	\$50.00
Third Place:	\$25.00

Contact Melissa or Toni at 715-284-0905



Free Arts & Crafts

Ho-Chunk Nation

Chicago Branch Office

Wednesdays 3pm-4:30pm

God’s Eyes & Dream Catchers



We’ve Got Yarn For Days, Let’s Make Some Cool Stuff With It

Open To All Ages

4738 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Chicago, IL 60630

Call to confirm attendance and get more info at: (773)202-8433

Office Hours: 8am-4:30pm, Monday - Friday

FILM SCREENING

Ho-Chunk Tribal History Premiere

Thursday August 27, 2015

1 PM - FREE TO THE PUBLIC

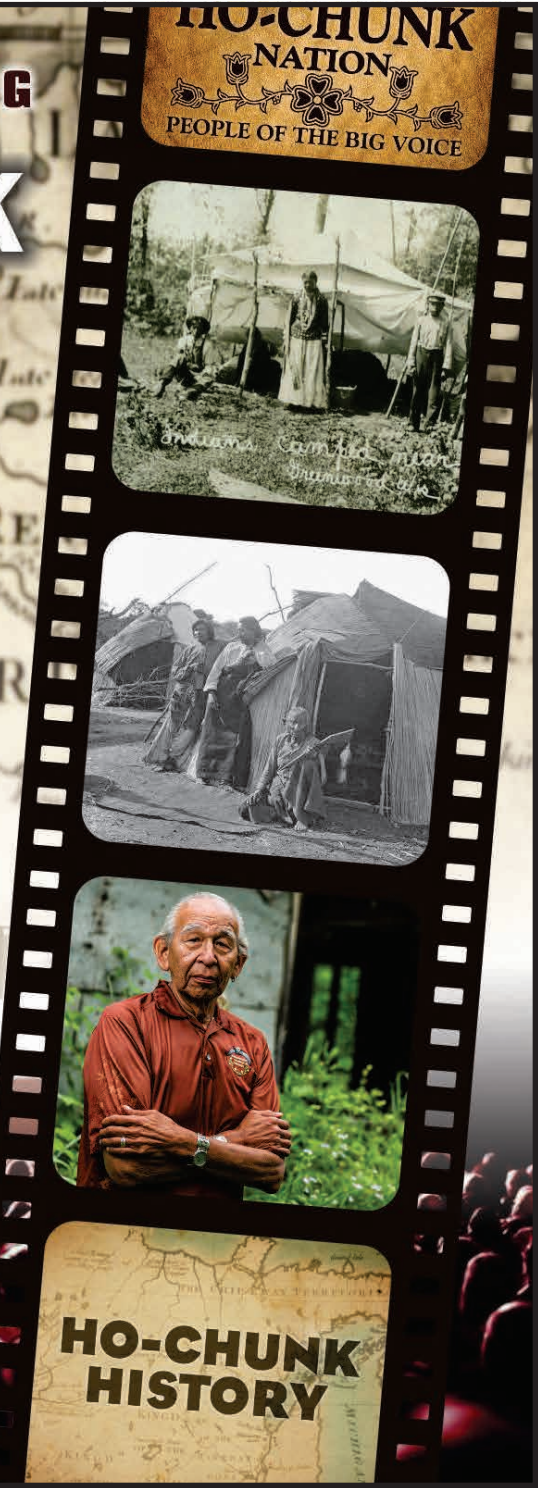
Ho-Chunk Cinemas


135 Wittig Rd. Tomah, WI

HO-CHUNK NATION

PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

HO-CHUNK HISTORY





Wisconsin Public Television

Author Krueger to make appearance; community read set at Ho-Chunk Nation

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Nationally-acclaimed author William Kent Krueger will be visiting Black River Falls in September.

In preparation for that visit, a community-wide read of his book, “Ordinary Grace,” will take place, with discussion gatherings occurring in many locations around the area.

One of the locations is at the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Building. The discussion will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 26, in the cafeteria. Other discussions are planned in Melrose, Hixton, Alma Center, Taylor, and the Black River Falls Public Library and the UW-Extension in BRF.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature approved funding for William Kent Krueger’s appearance and a check was presented to Black River Falls Public Library Director Tammy Peasley on Friday, March 27. Peasley requested the money, stating that Krueger donates the proceeds from his appearances to Native American charities.

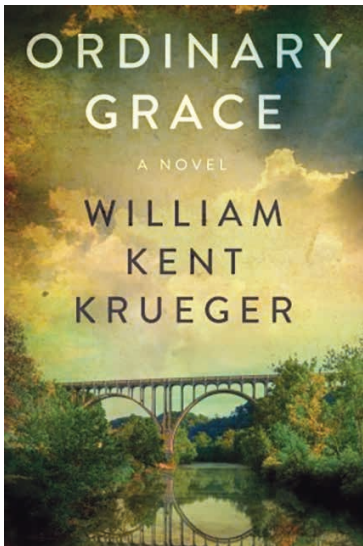
“We are grateful to the Ho-Chunk Nation for funding allowing us to invite New York Times bestselling author, William Kent Krueger, to our community,” Peasley said. “Mr. Krueger’s presentation is a highly-anticipated finale to the first Jackson County Reads initiative featuring his novel ‘Ordinary Grace.’”

“Ordinary Grace” is about

a young boy growing up in a small town in Minnesota during the 1960s. His father is a minister and his younger brother has a stuttering problem. Soon things become unnerving as several people in the community are found dead with the reason unknown.

In 2014, “Ordinary Grace” won the Edgar Award for Best Novel of 2013.

Krueger is an American author and crime writer, best known for his Cork O’Connor



series of books, which are set mainly in Minnesota. He won back-to-back Anthony Awards for best novel in 2005 and 2006.

His novels have been on the New York Times Best Seller List four times.

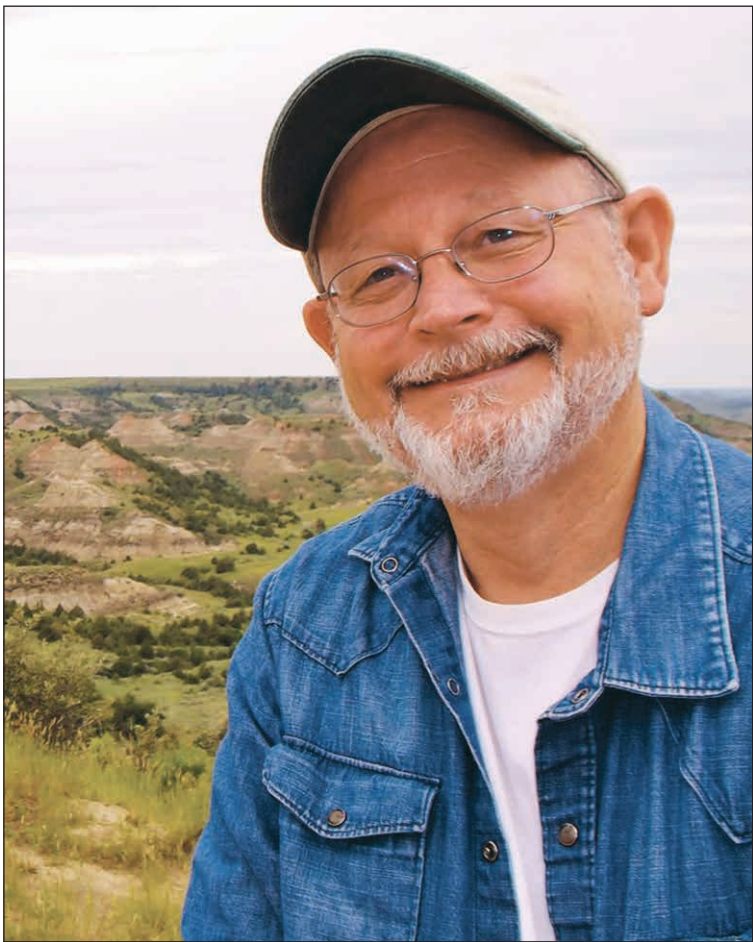
Krueger has said that he wanted to be a writer from the third grade when he wrote a story, “The Walking Diction-

ary.” He attended Stanford University but he came into conflict with the university’s administration during student protests of spring 1970. During his early life, he supported himself by logging timber, digging ditches, working in construction, and being published as a freelance journalist.

He wrote short stories and sketches for many years, but it was not until the age of 40 that he finished the manuscript of his first novel, “Iron Lake.” It won the Anthony Award for Best First Novel, the Barry Award for Best First Novel, the Minnesota Book Award, and the Loft-McK-night Fiction Award.

When Krueger decided to set the series in northern Minnesota, he realized that a large percentage of the population was of mixed ancestry. In college, Krueger had wanted to be a cultural anthropologist; he became intrigued by researching the Ojibwe culture and weaving the information into his books. Krueger’s books are set in and around Native American reservations. The main character, Cork O’Connor is part Ojibwe and part Irish.

Krueger has read the first Ojibwe historian, William Whipple Warren, as well as Francis Densmore, Gerald Vizenor and Basil Johnston. He has also read novels by Louise Erdrich and Jim Northrup. Krueger began to meet and get to know the Ojibwe peo-



Best-selling author William Kent Krueger will make an appearance in Black River Falls, thanks to a donation by the Ho-Chunk Nation. Also, a community read of his book, “Ordinary Grace,” will be held August 26 at the Tribal Office Building.

ple and remains fascinated by their culture.

His descriptions are meant to express his characters’ feelings about the settings. Krueger believes that the sense of place is made resonant by the actions and emotions of the characters within it. He describes it as “a dynamic bond that has the po-

tential to heighten the drama of every scene.”

Copies of “Ordinary Grace” are available at the Black River Falls Public Library and limited copies are available for borrowing at the Hocak Worak office in the Tribal Office Building.

Jackson County Reads


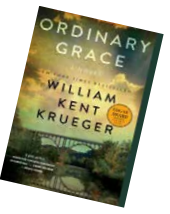
Join Your Neighbors
Read the same book

Starts August 1 through September 17

Ordinary Grace by William Kent Kruger


Books available at BRF Public Library or Taylor Memorial Library
Sign up to put a library book on hold (2 week check out)
OR Purchase a book for \$10

Watch for upcoming events:
Discussion groups throughout Jackson County
Library Programs
William Kent Krueger Thursday, September 17



For more info contact: Tammy 715-284-4112 or Julie 715-662-2310

2015 Adult Punt, Pass, and Kick Contest



Contact Melissa or Toni: 715-284-0905

Date: Saturday, September 26, 2015

Time: 11:00 am

District 1 Community Center

Adult Punt, Pass, and Kick Rules.

1. Each Player will get one Punt, one Pass, and one Kick

2. Attempts will be measured by Distance and Accuracy.

3. Attempts will be measured along a straight line. Your distance will be measured then subtracted by the distance away from the straight line.

4. Each attempt will be added for your final score.

5. Rules subject to change.

Categories Open to all Competitors:

Men's 18-25

Men's 26-45

Men's 46 and Older

Women's 18-35

Woman's 36 and Older

Prize Money for:

First Place: \$100.00

Second Place: \$75.00

Third Place: \$50.00

No Drugs or Alcohol allowed. Anyone suspected or caught under the influence of Drugs or Alcohol will be asked to leave! No Child Care provided. Children must be supervised at ALL times.

*Rain Date October 3, 2015 at noon.

HOUSE **for sale**

**For sale: 3 BEDROOM home at Timber run, Wisconsin Dells.
New roof. sits on 5.040 acres of beautiful hunting land.
\$75,000 as is. 608-448-1084**